



## Mrs. Bonita LaVera Nelson

October 1, 1952 - January 7, 2022

NELSON, Mrs. Bonita LaVera - Age 69, passed away Friday, January 7, 2022, at her residence. Family hour 10:00 AM Thursday, January 13, 2022, at Grace Emmanuel Baptist Church, 3502 Lapeer Rd., with funeral service commencing at 11:00 AM Pastor Rabon Turner, officiating. Interment Sunset Hills Cemetery, G-4413 Flushing Rd. Friends and pallbearers will assemble at the church 10:00 AM Thursday. There will be no public viewing. Mrs. Bonita LaVera Clarke Nelson was born October 1, 1952 in Flint, Michigan, the daughter of the late Fred Sr. and Modessa Reddick Clarke. She was educated in Flint Community Schools and was a member of the Flint Young Girls Track Club running sprints and winning gold medals in the Flint Canusa Games. Bonita graduated from Flint Northwestern High School, "Class of 1970. She also attended Western Michigan University. Bonita moved to Tulsa, Oklahoma and Phoenix, Arizona before returning to Flint. Bonita was a faithful member of Grace Emmanuel Baptist Church participating in various ministries; Choir, Women's Ministry, Christian Education Classes, until her health began to limit her activities. She continued listening to recorded messages and live stream services continuing her spiritual growth and strengthening her faith. She loved her family and her church family. Bonita also loved watching TV-Shows (cooking and westerns). She was skilled in sewing and typing and worked various jobs doing her career including working at General Motors Corporation SPO, Flint Community Schools and as an Apartment Manager in Phoenix, Arizona and Dayton Hudson's Corp. Mrs. Bonita LaVera Clarke Nelson leaves to cherish her memory: son, Trevor Clarke; granddaughter, Zoe Clarke; 2 grandsons, Ari Clarke and Di-Michael Jones; 3 great-grandchildren; sister, Barbara (Willis Jr.) Lewis; 4 brothers, Minister Charles (Cynthia) Clarke Sr., all of Flint, Minister Dale (Daisy) Clarke Sr. of Detroit, MI, Fred (Melissa) Clarke Jr. of Pickering, OH and Pastor Dr. David (Michelle) Clarke of Kathleen GA; former sisters-in-law, Angela Boykin of Ohio and Valeria Clarke of Grand Blanc, MI; 6 aunts, Johnnie (Roger) Swift of Maryland, Pearl (John) Clark of Chicago, IL, Johnnie Jacques of Atlanta, GA, Bernice Clark of Chicago, IL, Judy Reddick of Maryland and Betty Burnett of Flint; 3 uncles, Pastor Alphonso (Yvonne) Clark of Tchula, MS; Dan Ford of Madison, MS and Bennie Clark of Chicago, IL; a host of nieces, nephews and cousins. Mrs. Nelson was preceded in death by her husband, Chester Ray Nelson; parents, Fred Sr. and Modessa Reddick Clarke;

grandparents; uncles, Pastor Edward Clark and Arthur Reddick; aunt, Carrie Ford; sister-in-law, Rhonda Clarke. The family would like to express special thanks to Pastor Dr. Rabon L. Turner Sr. and the Grace Emmanuel Baptist Church family, special friends, Dorothy and Joyce Black, Josephine White, Mary Benton, Catherine Martin, for your enduring and compassionate ministry.

# Cemetery Details

## Sunset Hills Cemetery

G-4413 Flushing Rd.  
Flint, MI 48504

# Previous Events

## Family hour

JAN 13. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Grace Emmanuel Baptist Church  
3502 Lapeer Rd.  
Flint, MI

## Service

JAN 13. 11:00 AM (ET)

Grace Emmanuel Baptist Church  
3502 Lapeer Rd.  
Flint, MI

# Tribute Wall



“ *Mrs. Bonita LaVera Nelson*

October 09, 2023 at 07:02 AM

JB

“ *Jewell Broadway and Family*

*My condolences and prayers are with the Clarke-Nelson Family*



**Jewell Broadway** - January 22, 2022 at 01:58 PM

PW

“ *SO SORRY FOR THE LOST OF THEIR SISTER BARBARA. MAY U.RIH*



**PATRICIA WATT WARNER** - January 16, 2022 at 05:24 PM

DW

“ *My condolences and prayers are with the Clark -Nelson Family*



**Derrek & Regina Williams** - January 16, 2022 at 02:10 PM

MB

“ *Mr. Clyde Bell lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Bonita LaVera Nelson*



**Mr. Clyde Bell** - January 16, 2022 at 01:03 PM

LR

“ *Lawrence Ratliff*



**Lawrence Allen Ratliff** - January 15, 2022 at 04:28 PM

JB

“ *Janice Brown lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Bonita LaVera Nelson*



**Janice Brown** - January 14, 2022 at 10:53 PM

TP

“ *Tiny Presnall lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Bonita LaVera Nelson*



**Tiny Presnall** - January 14, 2022 at 09:11 PM

J(

“ *James & Sharon Owensby (Arizona) lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Bonita LaVera Nelson*



**James & Sharon Owensby (Arizona)** - January 14, 2022 at 07:50 PM

VB

“ *Vanessa Brackins lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Bonita LaVera Nelson*



**Vanessa Brackins** - January 14, 2022 at 01:47 PM

NB

“ *Neysa Hodges Burns lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Bonita LaVera Nelson*



**Neysa Hodges Burns** - January 14, 2022 at 12:18 PM

RS

“ *Rene Simmons lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Bonita LaVera Nelson*



**Rene Simmons** - January 14, 2022 at 10:48 AM

CR

“ *Cynthia Rice lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Bonita LaVera Nelson*



**Cynthia Rice** - January 14, 2022 at 09:18 AM

RW

“ *Rudy And Geneva Ward lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Bonita LaVera Nelson*



**Rudy and Geneva Ward** - January 13, 2022 at 02:11 PM

CM

“ *Charles Mckenzie lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Bonita LaVera Nelson*



**Charles Mckenzie** - January 13, 2022 at 01:24 PM

CT

“ *Connie Taylor-Williams lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Bonita LaVera Nelson*



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**Connie Taylor-Williams** - January 13, 2022 at 12:23 PM

VB

“ *My sincerest condolences and prayers to the family. May God give you and strength and comfort.*



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**Vickie Broome** - January 13, 2022 at 12:04 PM

J&

“ *Love and continued prayers for your entire family.*



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**James & Gwendolyn Richardson &Family** - January 13, 2022 at 07:47 AM

AP

“ *Sending prayers and condolences to the family. May God continue to be with you all. Sister Bonita sweet smile and personality will be missed*  
*Deacon Shelton and Anna Pinnix*



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**Anna Pinnix** - January 12, 2022 at 09:24 PM

LC

“ *Loria Corder lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Bonita LaVera Nelson*



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**Loria Corder** - January 12, 2022 at 09:18 PM

IB

“ Ivy Blount lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Bonita LaVera Nelson



Ivy Blount - January 12, 2022 at 06:49 PM

SH

“ Thoughts and prayers to the Nelson and Clark family. May God give you comfort, peace, sympathy and love.

Sarah Harris



Sarah Harris - January 12, 2022 at 06:32 PM

MH

“ Marilyn Howell sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Bonita LaVera Nelson



Marilyn Howell - January 12, 2022 at 06:00 PM

JD

“ Our condolences to the family. We will miss you. RIP. Carl and Joyce



Joyce davis - January 12, 2022 at 05:57 PM

GR

“ I met Bonita in the 7th grade at Bryant Jr. High, and when we were in the 9th grade we both tried out for Cheerleading and we both made the squad. I remember Bonita as small in stature but super-sized in feistiness. She did not back down to a challenge, and Lord help the person who challenged her to a race, because she could run like the wind. Now, it seems, all too soon, she has finished the race. But I do not doubt for a second that she is wearing her crown of righteousness in the presence of the Lord. It was truly a pleasure to have known Bonita. And Family, please accept my deepest condolences and know that you are in my prayers.

Gwendolyn Rosborough-Goodrum - January 12, 2022 at 05:55 PM

GT

My condolences go out to the Clarke family. Sister Bonita will always be remembered for her beautiful smile. May God give you comfort and peace with your loss and heaven's gain.

Gay Terry - January 13, 2022 at 02:49 PM

LC

“ To the Clarke Family, may the Lord's strength be upon you. Losing a love one is never easy, but Glory to God we have a God that gives us comfort & his strength is made perfect in weakness, 🙏🙏🙏



Loria Corder - January 12, 2022 at 05:19 PM

EC

“ Earley Collins lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Bonita LaVera Nelson



Earley Collins - January 12, 2022 at 04:49 PM

EC

“ Little bit. Bonita. It was a pleasure to know you. Thanks for looking out for my babies. Gonna miss you. Such a beautiful person and beautiful spirit. No pain . My condolences to the family

Earley Collins - January 12, 2022 at 04:49 PM



“ Sincere condolences from the Richardson Family. Our families have shared memories for over 60 years. We now trust that the Lord will give guidance and consolation according to His Word. We love you forever:

*Robbie Richardson Grier  
Gail Richardson Johnson  
Rose Richardson  
Rev. Alvin Richardson (deceased)  
Terrell Richardson  
Merrill Richardson  
Margreat Richardson Handley*

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**Robbie Grier** - January 12, 2022 at 04:27 PM



“ Robbie Grier lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Bonita LaVera Nelson



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**Robbie Grier** - January 12, 2022 at 04:20 PM



“ Robbie Grier sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Bonita LaVera Nelson



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**Robbie Grier** - January 12, 2022 at 04:19 PM



“ Sincere condolences from the Richardson Family. Our families have shared memories for more than 60 years, and the Lord will provide His path and consolation concerning Bonita's passing.



Robbie Richardson Grier  
Gail Richardson Johnson  
Rose Richardson  
Rev. Alvin Richardson (deceased)  
Terrell Richardson  
Merrill Richardson  
Margreat Richardson Handley

We Love you all forever.

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Robbie Grier - January 12, 2022 at 04:19 PM

SH

“ Sharee Hemphill lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Bonita LaVera Nelson



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Sharee Hemphill - January 12, 2022 at 03:11 PM

SH

“ Mrs Bonita was such a sweetheart she is my neighbor me and my husband would help her out with her groceries and my kids she will be truly missed We love you Mrs Bonita my husband gone miss taking your garbage out and trimming your trees we gone miss them morning phone calls you are such a good woman with a beautiful soul 🌸🌹❤️

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Sharee Hemphill - January 12, 2022 at 03:10 PM

RW

“ Rudy And Geneva Ward lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Bonita LaVera Nelson



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Rudy and Geneva Ward - January 12, 2022 at 01:24 PM

MH

“ *Marilyn Howell lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Bonita LaVera Nelson*



Marilyn Howell - January 12, 2022 at 01:04 PM



“ *We celebrate with the family and friends the legacy of kindness, joy, thoughtfulness, and faithfulness that Sister Bonita Nelson has left for us. She was dedicated to the study of God's word. Now she may rest from her earthly labor and enjoy the presence of the Lord.*



*May the God of Peace give strength, courage, and comfort to the family during this time of bereavement.*

*Minister Leon & Patricia Adams*

Leon Adams PE - January 12, 2022 at 11:01 AM

AW

“ *Alberta Williams lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Bonita LaVera Nelson*



Alberta Williams - January 12, 2022 at 10:03 AM



“ *Rhonda White lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Bonita LaVera Nelson*



Rhonda White - January 12, 2022 at 09:34 AM

KC

“ *Kim E. Carpenter lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Bonita LaVera Nelson*



Kim E. Carpenter - January 12, 2022 at 08:20 AM

IG

“ *Ira Gilbert lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Bonita LaVera Nelson*



Ira Gilbert - January 12, 2022 at 04:56 AM

AP

“ *Sending prayers to the family. May God Bless and keep you all. Bonita will be missed. Deacon Shelton and Anna Pinnix*



Anna Pinnix - January 11, 2022 at 11:08 PM

PW

“ *Pam Williams sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Bonita LaVera Nelson*



Pam Williams - January 11, 2022 at 10:16 PM

PW

“ *Pam Williams sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Bonita LaVera Nelson*



Pam Williams - January 11, 2022 at 10:16 PM

BD

“ Rest in peace Bonnie. I'll miss the recipes you would post on Facebook, but I'll miss your bright smile even though you were in pain. Condolences to the entire family.



Bobie Douglas - January 11, 2022 at 08:39 PM

BD

“ May you rest in peace Bonnie. You suffered a long time but you were faithful to God. I'll miss seeing the pictures of meals you posted on FB. Condolences and prayers to the entire family



Bobie Douglas - January 11, 2022 at 08:35 PM

MR

“ Mary Randle sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Bonita LaVera Nelson



Mary Randle - January 11, 2022 at 08:15 PM

VW

“ Velma Williams sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Bonita LaVera Nelson



Velma Williams - January 11, 2022 at 06:46 PM

RW

“ Rhonda White lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Bonita LaVera Nelson



Rhonda White - January 11, 2022 at 05:47 PM

TH

“ *Taura Howard purchased the Lovely One Spathiphyllum Plant for the family of Mrs. Bonita LaVera Nelson.*



**Taura Howard** - January 11, 2022 at 05:45 PM

DE

“ *Deloris Eddins lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Bonita LaVera Nelson*



**Deloris Eddins** - January 11, 2022 at 04:06 PM

DB

“ *Dorothy Black lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Bonita LaVera Nelson*



**Dorothy Black** - January 11, 2022 at 03:28 PM

RD

“ *Rita Doyle lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Bonita LaVera Nelson*



**Rita Doyle** - January 11, 2022 at 02:57 PM

RJ

“ *I am going to miss her putting those delicious recipes on Facebook. She always had positive things to say and she truly loves the Lord 🙏*



**Roberta Jamison** - January 11, 2022 at 02:49 PM

AW

“ Alberta Williams lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Bonita LaVera Nelson



Alberta Williams - January 11, 2022 at 02:23 PM

KC

“ My sincere condolences with prayers for the Nelson and Clarke family 🙏



Kathy Cleveland - January 11, 2022 at 01:38 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Mrs. Bonita LaVera Nelson.



January 11, 2022 at 01:30 PM

LB

“ Loretta Black lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Bonita LaVera Nelson



Loretta Black - January 11, 2022 at 12:40 PM

AG

“ Andrew & Nina Gayden lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Bonita LaVera Nelson



Andrew & Nina Gayden - January 11, 2022 at 12:01 PM

MS

“ *Marilyn Sams lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Bonita LaVera Nelson*



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**Marilyn Sams** - January 11, 2022 at 11:38 AM

D(

“ *Debra Cheatom (Stevenson) lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Bonita LaVera Nelson*



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**Debra Cheatom (Stevenson)** - January 11, 2022 at 10:55 AM